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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Avi J. Ashkenazi Serial No.: To be assigned Filed: December 13, 1999 For: Apo-2 Ligand	Group Art Unit: To be assigned Examiner: To be assigned
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with Applicant's Rule 53(b) Continuation Application. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following preliminary amendment prior to examination on the merits.

**In the Specification:**

Please delete pages 68-75 of the specification's originally filed Sequence Listing and enter into the specification the substitute Sequence Listing attached hereto (comprising page numbers 1-11).

On page 6, line 20, after "cDNA," insert -- (SEQ ID NO:2) -- and after "sequence," insert -- (SEQ ID NO:1) --.

On page 6, line 22, after "ligand," insert -- (Apo2L amino acids 114-281 of SEQ ID NO:1) --.

On page 6, line 23, after "4-1BBL," insert -- (SEQ ID NO:9) --.

On page 6, line 23, after "OX40L," insert -- (SEQ ID NO:10) --.

On page 6, line 23, after "CD27L," insert -- (SEQ ID NO:11) --.

On page 6, line 23, after "CD30L," insert -- (SEQ ID NO:12) --.

On page 6, line 23-24, after "TNF-alpha," insert -- (SEQ ID NO:13) --.